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FIRST RED SOX TICKET WINNERS DRAWN FROM STORROW DRIVE TRAFFIC SURVEY TAKERS

With 3 Sets of Tickets Left, DCR Encourages Motorists to Return Surveys by May 26th

Boston - The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today randomly drew two winners of pairs of Red Sox tickets from more than 7,000 returns on a Storrow Drive traffic survey. DCR is in the process of notifying the winners, who live in Charlestown and Arlington. The first two games are June 9 and 10. DCR will pick three more winners during the week of May 29 for games on June 19, 23 and 27.

"DCR is encouraging motorists who received the surveys on April 27 to return the filled out, pre-paid forms," said Commissioner Stephen Burrington. "Our team distributed more than 40,000 surveys, and 17% have already been returned. We want to include as many responses as possible, so we are doing the Red Sox drawing in two steps. There is still a chance to help DCR include this important traffic information in the Storrow Drive Tunnel plan and to win Red Sox box seats." To be eligible, surveys have to be postmarked no later than May 25, 2006.

The survey was created while DCR is studying options for reconstruction of the Storrow Drive Tunnel. Motorists from around the region had an opportunity to provide input on the traffic issues related to the project on April 27 at Storrow Drive on and off ramps from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Surveyors wearing orange safety vests approached vehicles stopped at traffic signals and asked motorists to accept a survey form. Completed forms can be dropped in a mail box.

The survey provides a snapshot of the participating drivers' origins and destinations. The results are one set of data that will be included in the project traffic investigation. Construction on the tunnel will include detours, lane shutdowns and other closures, and

the survey results will be combined with information from Boston and Cambridge and other traffic counts and projections.

More information on the project is available on DCR's website, including a PowerPoint presentation, minutes of public meetings and information on how to comment on the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) between now and June 13, 2006. The results of the complete traffic analysis will be shared with neighborhood, business and community groups in a series of traffic workshops this fall.

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